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Official meetings

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Security Council

10:00

7556th meeting [webcast]

Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning Iraq

First report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 7 of resolution 2233 (2015) (S/2015/819)

Eighth report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 2107 (2013) (S/2015/826)

Morning¹

Consultations of the whole (closed)

Consultations Room

United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) (S/2015/819 and S/2015/826)

Other matters

¹To be held following the adjournment of the 7556th meeting.



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General Assembly

Seventieth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Main Committees**Special Political and Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee)**

10:00 to 13:00 23rd meeting  [webcast] Conference Room 4

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/70/406, A/70/406 Corr.1, A/70/341, A/70/133, A/70/351, A/70/421 and A/70/312) [item 55]

Introductory statement by the Chair of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories

Introductory statement by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
General debate

[Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers of the remaining items of the agenda of the Committee are kindly requested to send an e-mail to 4thcommittee@un.org. Delegations are encouraged to observe the time limits of *10 minutes* for statements by individual Member States and *15 minutes* for delegations speaking on behalf of a group of States. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of these time limits.

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Second Committee**Economic and Social Council**

4th meeting, 2016 session

10:00 to 13:00

30th meeting  [webcast]

Conference Room 2

*Joint meeting on "Domestic Resource Mobilization: Where to go after Addis?"**Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs*

His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), President of the Economic and Social Council

His Excellency Andrej Logar (Slovenia), Chair of the Second Committee

Introductory statement

Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Panellists

Professor David Rosenbloom, James S. Eustice Visiting Professor of Practice and Taxation, and Director, International Tax Program, New York University

Ms. Victoria Perry, Assistant Director and Chief, Tax Policy Division, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund

Ms. Blanca Moreno-Dodson, Lead Economist for Tax Policy, Macro and Fiscal Management Global Practice, World Bank

Ms. Gail Hurley, Policy Specialist on Development Finance, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, United Nations Development Programme

Mr. Tatu Ilunga, Senior Policy Advisor, Tax and Extractive Industries, Oxfam America

Mr. Eric Mensah, Assistant Commissioner, Ghana Revenue Authority, and Member, United Nations Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (*via telephone or video link*)

*Presentations followed by an interactive discussion**Closing remarks by the Co-Chairs*

His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), President of the Economic and Social Council

His Excellency Andrej Logar (Slovenia), Chair of the Second Committee

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Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; Room S-1291; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales or form A/IN/70.2 will be accepted by e-mail. For inquiries regarding access to the Second Committee QuickPlace, please contact Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (e-mail 2ndcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8429).

Requests for room reservations for informal consultations on Second Committee matters should be sent, *as soon as possible but no later than 17:00* of the day before the meeting, to Ms. Patricia Anholt Habr (e-mail habrp@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5724).

Fifth Committee

10:00 to 13:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 141 (United Nations common system (A/70/30, A/C.5/70.3 and A/70.7/Add.4))

[The list of speakers for the general discussion on all agenda items before the Fifth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact, in writing, Ms. Ilene McGrade (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org). In addition to providing 25 copies of their statement to the Conference Room Officer, delegations are kindly requested to provide an electronic copy of their statement to the secretariat of the Committee (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org), prior to the start of the meeting. Background information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the provisional draft programme of work for the seventieth session of the General Assembly is available by [clicking here](#).]

Sixth Committee

Plenary

10:00 to 13:00

25th meeting  [webcast]

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session (A/70/10) [item 83]

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-eighth session [item 81]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.9

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [item 82]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.10

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [item 84]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.11

Working Group

16:30 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [item 108]

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The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statement will appear on the Sixth Committee PaperSmart portal only when read out by the delegation. The list of speakers for all items on the agenda of the Sixth Committee *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org, Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

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General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 10

Executive meeting

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Thirty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 11 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The situation in Afghanistan" (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin” (under agenda item 10) (convened by the delegation of Greece)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.4, entitled “International Day of Women in Science” (under agenda item 22 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Malta)

From 09:00 to 10:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.25, entitled “Commodities” (agenda item 18 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Bulgaria)

From 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 1.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.6, entitled “Culture and sustainable development” (under agenda item 22 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

From 10:00 to 13:00, at the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (211 East 43rd Street, Suite 1002).

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Climate change” (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of France)

From 12:00 to 14:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.8, entitled “Women in development” (under agenda item 24 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Rwanda)

From 14:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.19, entitled “Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries” (under agenda item 23 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Turkey)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.13, entitled “Operational activities for development of the United Nations system” (under agenda item 25 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Colombia)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.24, entitled “Towards global partnerships: a principle-based approach to enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners” (under agenda item 27) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

From 16:00 to 18:00, at the United Nations Global Compact Office (685 Third Avenue, 12th floor, entrance on 44th Street).

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Groups of countries in special situations: Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries” (under agenda item 23 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Paraguay)

From 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.46, entitled "Recognizing the role of human rights defenders and the need for their protection" (under agenda item 72) (convened by the delegation of Norway)

From 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.14, entitled "Persons with albinism" (under agenda item 28) (convened by the delegations of Malawi and the United Republic of Tanzania)

From 10:30 to 12:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.7, entitled "Violence against women migrant workers" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Indonesia and the Philippines)

From 10:30 to 12:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.29, entitled "The girl child" (under agenda item 68 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Botswana)

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room A.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.11, entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" (under agenda item 28 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Republic of Moldova)

From 12:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.59, entitled "Combating glorification of Nazism, neo-Nazism and other practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance" (under agenda item 70 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.61, entitled "A global call for concrete action for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (under agenda item 70 (b)) (convened by the delegation of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China))

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.8, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

From 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.50, entitled "Towards a multilateral legal instrument to promote and protect the human rights and dignity of older persons" (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room I.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.24, entitled "Improvement of the situation of women and girls in rural areas" (under agenda item 29 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Mongolia)

From 17:00 to 18:30, in Conference Room C.

Sixth Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session" (under agenda item 83) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

From 15:00 to 16:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 11 November 2015

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

09:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5
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JUSCANZ Group (on Second Committee and related matters)

09:00 to 09:45	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8
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International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (omnibus resolution)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8
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Arab Group (at the experts level) (Election officer)

12:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12
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Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

13:15 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 12
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Other activities

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Opening of the photo exhibit entitled "Poppies: Women and War" (in commemoration of the First World War (11 November)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Canada, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Murray Edward College)

From 11:45 to 12:15, at the Delegates' Entrance Lobby.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Pauline Dowdall, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom (e-mail pauline.dowdall@fco.gov.uk; tel. 1 (212) 745-9263).]

Special event on "The Battle for Zionism at the United Nations" (marking 40 years since the historic Herzog Speech) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Israel)

At 18:00, in Conference Room 4.  [webcast]

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Michal Carmeli, Permanent Mission of Israel (e-mail unevents@newyork.mfa.gov.il; tel. 1 (212) 499-5570).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org.sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Wednesday, 11 November 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237)  [webcast]

12:00

Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly Seventieth session

Informal consultations on the 2015 review of the United Nations peacebuilding architecture will be held on Friday, 13 November 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 November 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Delegations wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

General Assembly
Seventieth session

The General Assembly will hold plenary meetings, in the General Assembly Hall as follows:

On Friday, 13 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider, in a joint debate, agenda item 15 (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields), agenda item 116 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit), and agenda item 123 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals), following by consideration of the reports of the Fifth Committee on sub-item (a) of agenda item 114 (Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions) (document (A/70/359)), sub-item (b) of agenda item 114 (Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions) (document (A/70/540)), sub-item (d) of agenda item 114 (Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors) (document (A/70/541)), agenda item 135 (Programme planning) (document (A/70/439)), and agenda item 137 (Pattern of conferences) (document (A/70/450)).

On Monday, 16 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider agenda item 67 (Report of the Human Rights Council) (document A/70/53 and A/70/53/Add.1 (to be issued)).

On Tuesday, 17 November 2015, at 10:00, to consider agenda item 87 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency) (document (A/70/219)).

On Wednesday, 18 November 2015, at 11:00, to consider sub-item (g) of agenda item 114 (Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal) (documents A/70/190 and A/70/538) and sub-item (h) of agenda item 114 (Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal) (documents A/70/190 and A/70/538).

Delegations wishing to speak are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

General Assembly
Seventieth session

Informal consultations on the outcome document of the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society will be held on Thursday, 19, and Friday, 20 November 2015; and Tuesday, 24 and Wednesday, 25 November 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 12. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 November 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information please [click here](#).

General Assembly
Seventieth session

An informal meeting of the plenary to consider ways to advance a comprehensive response to the global humanitarian and refugee crisis will be held on Thursday, 19 November 2015, at 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 November 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Forthcoming official meetings**Thursday, 12 November 2015****General Assembly**
Seventieth session

10:00

51st plenary meeting

General Assembly Hall

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: Note by the Secretary-General (A/70/300) [item 111]
2. Report of the Security Council (A/70/2) [item 30]

General Assembly
Seventieth session**Informal consultations on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)**

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the seventieth session of the General Assembly will be held from Wednesday, 18, to Tuesday, 24 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

Informal meeting on agenda item 79 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) relating to the Preparatory Committee established pursuant to resolution 69/292

An informal meeting (closed) relating to the Preparatory Committee established pursuant to resolution 69/292 to make substantive recommendations to the General Assembly on the elements of a draft text of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction will be held on Thursday, 19 November 2015, from 12:30 to 14:00, in Conference Room 6.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

The agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was adopted on 18 September 2015 (document A/70/251 and A/70/251/Add.1), see documents A/70/252 and A/70/252/Add.1 for allocation of items.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventieth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in document A/70/100.

The programme of the work and the schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its seventieth session were issued on 7 October 2015 in document A/INF/70/3. Updates to the programme of work will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please [click here](#).

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please [click here](#) for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

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Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.

Specifically, the General Assembly conducted the elections of five non-permanent members of the Security Council for the term 2016-2017 and of 18 members of the Economic and Social Council for the term 2016-2018, during the main part of the session. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council and for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place during the resumed part of the session, in the *spring of 2016*.

Subsequently, these elections will be conducted once during each session of the General Assembly, in the spring, in accordance with the above-mentioned resolution. A memorandum, dated 22 October 2014, was sent by the Director, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, to the Chairs of the regional groups for that month.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 12 November 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 5.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Plenary meeting

The President of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea) will convene a plenary meeting on Thursday, 12 November 2015, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to take action on draft decision E/2016/L.2 relating to the distribution of seats among the eight experts nominated by Member States to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and draft decision E/2016/L.4 on the dates and theme for the integration segment of the 2016 session of the Council.

The Council will also hold elections to fill a number of outstanding vacancies to its subsidiary bodies.

Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the Economic and Social Council Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org) and Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups. A list of candidates for the election, as well as supporting documentation, can be consulted on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Briefing

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (Argentina) will hold a briefing of the Council on the second phase of the dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the

United Nations development system in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The briefing will also be held on Thursday, 12 November 2015, immediately following the plenary meeting of the Council. For further information, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Kristinn Helgason (e-mail helgason@un.org); or Ms. Cassandra Price Taveras (e-mail pricec@un.org)).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him” (under agenda item 129) (convened by the delegations of Sweden and Zambia)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Follow-up to the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace” (under agenda item 16) (convened by the delegation of Bangladesh)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 12.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “The situation in Afghanistan” (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations” (under agenda item 73 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Friday, 13 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin” (under agenda item 10) (convened by the delegation of Greece)

Friday, 13 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9.

Second Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.9, entitled “Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)” (under agenda item 24 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Chile)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 1.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.24, entitled "Towards global partnerships: a principle-based approach to enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and all relevant partners" (under agenda item 27) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference room B.

Informal informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Climate change" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of France)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.12, entitled "Agricultural technology for development" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Israel)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 11:30 to 13:30, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.7, entitled "International financial system and development" (under agenda item 18 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Chile)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 1.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.23, entitled "Information and Communications Technologies for Development" (under agenda item 17) (convened by the delegation of Slovenia)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 13:30 to 15:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.8, entitled "Women in development" (under agenda item 24 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Rwanda)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 13:30 to 15:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.17, entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (under agenda item 20 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Bahamas)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room F.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.13, entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system" (under agenda item 25 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Colombia)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room E.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.3, entitled "Triennial United Nations conferences on oceans and seas" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the delegation of Fiji)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 7.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.25, entitled "Commodities" (agenda item 18 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Bulgaria)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 15:30 to 17:30, in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.13, entitled “Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons” (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 09:00 to 10:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.8, entitled “Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity”, (under agenda item 106) (convened by the delegation of Italy) and draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.10, entitled “International cooperation against the world drug problem” (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegations of Italy and Mexico)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.11, entitled “Policies and programmes involving youth” (under agenda item 28 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Republic of Moldova)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room A.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.20, entitled “Protection of migrants” (under agenda item 72 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 17:00 and 19:00, in Conference Room C.

Informal informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.15, entitled “Integrating volunteering into peace and development: the plan of action for the next decade” (under agenda item 28) (convened by the delegation of Brazil and Japan)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 18:00 to 19:30, in Conference Room B.

Sixth Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission” (under agenda item 80) (convened by the delegation of Pakistan)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 12:00 to 13:30, in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Measures to eliminate international terrorism” (under agenda item 108) (convened by the delegation of Canada)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other meetings

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International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (omnibus resolution)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room A; and

Friday, 13 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room A.

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 13 November 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2.

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on “The new global investment landscape – investment policies for the twenty-first century” (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD))

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ena Sawh, UNCTAD (e-mail sawh@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6893).]

Briefing on “Youth at the Forefront: Bridging the Gap between Climate Change and Climate Awareness” (organized by the NGO Relations Section, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI), in collaboration with DPI associated Youth representatives)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hawa Diallo, NGO Relations Section (e-mail diallo9@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Group of Friends of the International Criminal Court: meeting with civil society organizations (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

Thursday, 12 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Patrick Luna, Permanent Mission of Brazil (e-mail patrick.luna@itamaraty.gov.br; tel. 1 (212) 372-2606).]

Panel discussion on “Access to Legal Aid as a Measurement of Access to Justice under Sustainable Development Goal 16.3” (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina and South Africa and The International Legal Foundation)

Friday, 13 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Maria Victoria Buonomo, Permanent Mission of Argentina (e-mail victoriabuonomo@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 688-6300, ext. 201); to register, please contact bwalters@theilf.org.]

Panel discussion on “Agricultural Technology Beyond 2015” (organized by the Permanent Mission of Israel)

Friday, 13 November 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Maayan Keren, Permanent Mission of Israel (e-mail undevelopment-adv@newyork.mfa.gov.il).]

Lecture on "The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea: One of the Greatest Achievements in the International Rule of Law" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Israel, the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), the Brill-Nijhoff Publishers and the Center for Oceans Law and Policy, the University of Virginia)

Wednesday, 18 November 2015, at 18:30, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Maria Evora, DOALOS/OLA (e-mail evoram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3950); or Ms. Efrat Bouganim, Permanent Mission of Israel (e-mail illegal-dep@newyork.mfa.gov.il; tel. 1 (212) 499-5534).]

Round table on "Faith, Identity and the Promotion of Peace in the Aftermath of Genocide" (organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information)

Wednesday, 18 November 2015, at 18:30, in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Aaron J. Buckley, Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Programme (e-mail buckleya@un.org).]

Informal briefing to Member States convened by the Deputy Secretary-General on the United Nations work on the world drug problem, in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly in 2016 (organized by the Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Friday, 20 November 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the Rule of Law Unit in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (Ms. Adriana de la Espriella (e-mail delaespriella@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2962); or Ms. Lilibeth Benitez (e-mail benitez@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2935)).]

Announcements

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Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Africa is scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 February 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of African States.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States. The deadline for applications is *Friday, 13 November 2015*.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 21 November, to Friday, 16 December 2016.

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The three Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

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2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 1 December 2015*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in *French* in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme ([click here](#)) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

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Summary of official meetings**Tuesday, 10 November 2015****Security Council** [archived video]

7554th meeting

The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation with respect to piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia (S/2015/776)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Somalia to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2015/850, submitted by France, Lithuania, Malaysia, New Zealand, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2015/850) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2015/850) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2246 (2015).

7555th meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Letter dated 5 November 2015 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council, transmitting the forty-eighth report of the High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina (S/2015/841)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency Valentin Inzko, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency João Pedro Vale de Almeida, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by His Excellency Valentin Inzko.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2015/847, submitted by the Russian Federation.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2015/847) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2015/847) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2247 (2015).

Statements were made by the representatives of Chad, China, Nigeria, New Zealand, Angola, Spain, the United States, the Russian Federation, France, Malaysia, Jordan, Chile, Lithuania and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and by the President speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency João Pedro Vale de Almeida (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its member States; the candidate countries, Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania, as well as Ukraine and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Croatia and Serbia.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

 [archived video]

22nd meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
[item 54]

General debate

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Brazil, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Turkey, Cuba, Egypt, Qatar, Tunisia, Israel, Australia, South Africa, Thailand, Japan, Bahrain, Indonesia, Iceland, Botswana, India, Kuwait, Malaysia, Nigeria, Algeria and the United Arab Emirates.

A statement was made by the observer for the Holy See.

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) made some concluding remarks.

The Chair made a statement.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic and the observer for the State of Palestine.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [item 53]

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/70/L.9 Rev.1, without a vote.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Japan, France, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 53.

The Chair made a statement on organizational matters.

Third Committee

 [archived video]

45th meeting

*Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance [item 70 (a)]**Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.59*

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the draft resolution.

Angola, Bangladesh, Brazil, Burundi, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Kazakhstan, Mali, Mauritania, Myanmar, Namibia, the Niger, Uganda and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Right of peoples to self-determination [item 71]**Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.60*

The representative of Pakistan introduced the draft resolution.

Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, the Central African Republic, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Liberia, Maldives, Namibia, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [item 72 (b)]**Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.53*

The representative of Cameroon introduced the draft resolution.

Algeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Namibia, the Niger, Tunisia and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

*Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [item 72 (c)]**Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/70/L.47*

The representative of Qatar introduced the draft resolution.

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Georgia, Latvia, Libya, Lithuania, Mauritania, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Somalia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Qatar.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Guyana) made a statement.

Fifth Committee

 [archived video]

14th meeting*United Nations common system [item 141]*

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chair of the International Civil Service Commission, Mr. Kingston Papie Rhodes, introduced the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2015 (A/70/30).

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller introduced the statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/C.5/70/3).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/70/7/Add.4).

Statements were made by the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations (FICSA), the President of the Coordinating Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System (CCISUA) and the President of the United Nations International Civil Servants Federation (UNISERV).

Statements were also made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the African Group), the European Union (also on behalf the candidate countries Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Albania and Serbia, the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein), the United States, the Republic of Korea, Japan and Morocco.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chair informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be held as reflected in the programme of work and would be coordinated by Mr. David Karlsson (Sweden).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The Chair of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (sixty-second session), Mr. Adebawale O. Adeniyi introduced the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board (A/70/325).

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General on administrative and financial implications arising from the report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund Board (A/C.5/70/2).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/70/7/Add.6).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the African Group) and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Vice-Chair (Chad) informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held on that day, Tuesday, 10 November, in the afternoon, and would be coordinated by Ms. Melanie Hidalgo (Dominican Republic).

Utilization of the contingency fund

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the review of the experience of the utilization of the contingency fund (A/70/395).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/70/7/Add.7).

In the absence of speakers the Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Vice-Chair (Chad) informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held on as reflected in the programme of work and would be coordinated by Mr. Manjunath Cheneerappa (India).

Limited budgetary discretion

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General on limited budgetary discretion (A/70/396).

The Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/70/7/Add.5).

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Vice-Chair (Chad) informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held on that day, Tuesday, 10 November, in the afternoon and would be coordinated by Mr. Olivio Fermin (Dominican Republic).

Sixth Committee

 [archived video]

24th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixty-seventh session
[item 83]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 83.

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece, Cuba, Belarus, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Romania, Lebanon, Australia, Germany, Austria, Portugal, Croatia, El Salvador and Chile.

Observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly [item 170]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 170.

The Vice-Chair of the Committee spoke.

The representative of El Salvador announced that Denmark and Luxembourg had joined as sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.7.

The Committee concluded its debate on agenda item 170.

The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly defer a decision on the request for observer status for the Community of Democracies in the General Assembly to the seventy-first session of the Assembly.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 170.

Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly [item 173]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 173.

The Vice-Chair of the Committee spoke.

The Committee concluded its debate on agenda item 173.

The Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly defer a decision on the request for observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly to the seventy-first session of the Assembly.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 173.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

 [archived video]

373rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda

The Committee adopted the agenda of the meeting.

Developments in the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and developments in the political process

The Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine made a statement.

The Permanent Representative of Namibia made a statement.

Consideration of draft resolutions on the question of Palestine

The Chair introduced draft resolutions entitled "Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People", "Division for Palestinian Rights", "Special information programme on the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat" and "Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine".

The Permanent Representative of Namibia made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine made a statement.

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee approved the draft resolutions.

International Conference on the Question of Palestine, 14 and 15 December 2015 and United Nations Civil Society Forum on the question of Palestine, 16 December 2015, Jakarta (Working Paper No. 7)

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee approved Working Paper No. 7.

Briefing on the Economic and Social Costs of the Israeli Occupation for the Palestinian People

Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif, Coordinator and Senior Economic Affairs at UNCTAD and Mr. Atif Kubursi, Professor Emeritus at McMaster University, Ontario, briefed the Committee.

The Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine made a statement.

The Permanent Representative of Namibia made a statement.

The Chair made a statement.

Mr. Kubursi and Mr. Elkhafif made statements.

Ms. Rola Afifi, Second Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Palestine and trainee for the annual training programme for staff of the Palestinian Government, made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine made a statement.

Other matters

The Chair made a statement.

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Sierra Leone

His Excellency Vandi Chidi Minah

Asia-Pacific States:

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His Excellency Liu Jieyi

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